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## Harold E. Stassen Speech

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Mr. toastmaster, guest of honor, ladies and gentlemen:

The City of Lewiston, the finest City in the world--with Auburn a very close second--is known also as a Democratic stronghold, as *Mr. Stassen* you may have been informed before entering the Pine Tree State.

But, if most of our citizens have a political creed which may *not fit* be a ~~little~~ disturbing in Republican circles, let me assure you, Mr. Stassen, that in this city of ours, everyone is most happy to welcome you, a citizen of the land who is such an outstanding figure in the present presidential campaign.

On their behalf, as Mayor, I extend to you the most cordial welcome in this city where workers and employers enjoy the best of relations and show the greatest spirit of cooperation.



Speaking of our textile mills, it would not be surprising at all to hear that the Mahatma Gandhi who was killed this morning was wearing one of the famous Pepperell or Bates ~~nick~~ sheets when he died.

We hope, Mr. Stassen, that your brief stay in our city will be one that you will remember most pleasingly *for a long time*.

To prove that we are sincere and happy, may I present to you this key to the city, as a token of our friendship.

~~Lewiston is the best City  
To live in, either for  
a daily worker, or a~~